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MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS

The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority.

2. By its resolution 1994/17 of 25 February 1994, the Commission on Human Rights urged all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expressed the hope that it would enter into force at an early date; requested the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the promotion of the Convention, through the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights; invited agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and to promoting understanding thereof; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session a report on the status of the Convention and on the efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention and the protection of the rights of migrant workers.

3. In this connection, the Commission may wish to take note that the Secretary-General addressed a personal letter to all heads of State urging that their Governments ratify, accede or succeed to those principal human rights treaties to which they are not yet a party, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

4. As at 1 November 1994, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families had been ratified by Morocco, acceded to by Egypt and signed by Chile, Mexico and the Philippines.